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SUBJ: AYIDA APPOINTED SECRETARY TO THE FMG

1. CABINET OFFICE ANNOUNCED APRIL 28 APPOINTMENT OF ALLISON AKENE AYIDA, PERMSEC AT FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AS NEW SECRETARY TO THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICE. AYIDA REPLACES C.O. LAWSON, WHO RETIRED MARCH 31.

2. COMMENT: APPOINTMENT IS SOMEWHAT OF SURPRISE, AS AYIDA STANDS FOURTH ON RANK-ORDER LIST OF PRINCIPAL STAFF GRADE PERMSECS. GENERAL EXPECTATION WAS THAT FMG WOULD AVOID CONTROVERSY BY APPOINTING VERY SENIOR MAN TO ACT ESSENTIALLY AS CARETAKER, MOST LIKELY YUSUF GOBIR OF THE MINISTRY OF ESTABLISHMENTS, A NORTHERNER WITH FEW ENEMIES, OR NIGERIA'S UN AMBASSADOR EDWIN OGBU, THE MOST SENIOR OF ALL CIVIL SERVANTS.

3. CHOICE OF AYIDA, YOUNG (45 IN JUNE), BRILLIANT, HIGHLY PRAGMATIC, AND A TRAINED ECONOMIST, SEEMINGLY INDICATES FMG'S DETERMINATION TO HAVE SKILLED AND FORCEFUL LEADERSHIP OF CIVIL SERVICE DURING MASSIVE THIRD DEVELOPMENT PLAN. FMG PERHAPS REALIZES AFTER RECENT LACKLUSTER PERFORMANCES (LAGOS A-51) THAT DEGREE OF

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